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MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

Memorial Sunday Was Fittingly Observed. Exercises at the Christian Church at 11 O'clock, A. M.

A large number of people had assembled at the church to listen to the sermon. The seating capacity was inadequate and many people were obliged to go away.

The pulpit stand was handsomely decorated with flags and flowers. Pictures of President McKinley, Abraham Lincoln, U. S. Grant and John A. Logan, adorned the stand.

The choir, a double quartette, composed of Rev. Wm. Westwood, Geo. T. Martin, Miss Kate Kinkade, Mrs. B. F. Milton, Miss Nina Norvell, Mrs. D. Swinehart, Chas. E. Inel, Leroy Martin, and Miss Nellie Chapman, at the organ, opened the services by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. D. McCormick read from the 6th chapter of Ephesians, beginning at the 10th verse: "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

The anthem, "Beautiful Flag of Liberty, and Long Wave Old Glory," were sung.

Rev. Wm. Westwood offered a fervent prayer.

Rev. E. M. Carr delivered the memorial sermon, which was an able and patriotic one. He chose the text from Exodus 12:1: "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever."

This sermon was more on the line of the occasion than such sermons are usually.

Mr. Carr said:

All nations commemorate their great historical events that their young men may know the worthy deeds of those gone before. While the Greeks kept their simple virtues, they reverently raised monuments to their dead heroes. Their sons were the bravest of the brave. As she, who could defy the world. But when she became absorbed in pleasure and forgot the names of those whose valor had made her famous, lost her nationality and ceased to exert any influence among the nations of the earth. Rome, harsh and stern, but there was a time when she was tender and fearful, when she spoke of her heroic dead. Their grateful remembrance of her noblest sons was a virtue that stimulated every patriotic emotion and cemented her together as one nation. Every other nation went down before her. Then she became rich and the god of Mammon worked her ruin. National pride is not the element which contributes most to strength. Spain has always had plenty of pride, but it has not increased her strength, but it has blinded her eyes to her own weakness.

Trust in God has always been prominent in the nations that have had lasting prosperity. Trust in God must prove itself in deeds. An empty trust is not a virtue, but when that trust leads to a humble devotion to the public good, it manifests itself in deeds of noble courage, while selfishness has been the root which has undermined the nations of the past. When the individual regards his interest superior to that of the public, patriotism becomes extinct in his bosom; and where that class of people obtain control they do not hesitate to wreck the nation's good.

You may search the records and you will find that every case where a nation has fallen it has been through the selfishness of those who controlled public affairs. Selfishness always defeats itself. No one has ever gained lasting prosperity, either to himself or to his posterity, who has not rendered the public good. If they acquired wealth it has closed in their teeth. If they have won fame it has died before them, and their names, if they are remembered, are always held with the selfish blot conspicuously on them.

One of the facts that makes Memorial day a necessity is the failure of every nation is tied to the past. No nation has ever grown suddenly good or suddenly bad. The example of the past is always helping to shape the present. A few heroic men performing heroic deeds have always been at the beginning of every nation; because their memory cannot be easily forgotten. Nations die slowly.

Great numbers and immense wealth do not always contribute to national strength. The little Republic of Switzerland has proved what a small nation may do for the love of liberty. It has been said that being poor she furnished no incentive to conquest, and that her mountains made her easy to defend; but this is not true for the great nation of Austria struggled to subjugate her; and some of Switzerland's most signal victories were achieved on the open plain. Her strength lay in the memory of her heroes. The country that furnished a William Tell could not be conquered.

The spirit of self sacrifice is the key stone of Christianity but it did not originate with the advent of our Savior. It was the noblest part of our endowment at the creation; and every human being has an aspiration to make some sacrifice in the interest of that which is grand and noble; but in a majority of cases this aspiration is abortive and never comes to anything; because it is restrained by that innate selfishness which has come to man through the Fall. The average man has not the strength to rise above his selfishness and live his nobler self. He needs to have his faith in the right strengthened by a heroic example. Men are largely imitative, and they have an imitative recognition of the noble and good. For this reason the virtues of every good man are lived over again in the lives of those to whom he ministers.

If these reflections are true the highest treasure any nation can have is the memory of her noble dead. The preservation of life is a wholesome gift given to man by our Creator to prevent men from a wanton dis-

truction of themselves, or from carelessly incurring any unnecessary risk of their lives. That men may properly appreciate their existence their love of life has been made the highest of all our instinctive desires. It is not a virtue, it is not a necessity.

One can say that he loves his country but many a man when called upon to prove his love by standing up and being shot at has failed to prove his sincerity; but the man who can prove his love by heroic deeds, has always been held in high esteem by his countrymen. This is the reason why all nations have honored the soldier. Not because there is anything fascinating about the avocation, but because he represents the nation's courage. The best type of the soldier represents the best type of our race. He does not fight for any personal animosity; for he does not know the men against whom he is fighting. He fights as he feels that he is fighting. He regards that necessity requires him to injure them. He is only their enemy while they are his country's enemies. And when the victory is won they are ready to bind up the wounds of the vanquished foe. The patriot overcomes his love of life because he loves his country most.

Patriotism is ennobling because it prompts our noblest emotions. All love that reaches outside of self ennobles and enriches and helps to extinguish selfishness. When a soldier falls in battle it is not from useless risk of life. But it is making the most of life, not from a personal standpoint, but that the lives of others may be purer and happier. All have to die sooner or later and when one can surrender that life that he may enrich the lives of those he loves, he has made the highest use of his life, that it is possible for him to make. This is what was in the mind of Christ when he said, "He that saves his life shall lose it, and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it." Christ stands for love. God is love.

Whether on the gallows high,
Or on the battle field,
The fittest place for man to die,
Is when he dies for man.

The physical benefit which the patriot confers on his country is not all that he gives, nor is it the highest.

Noble actions bring purer thoughts to everyone's mind. The highest means of driving mean and impure thoughts from one's mind is the contemplation of the action of the noble. As she, who stands in history is one of the highest aids to civilization. Washington and other great men will continue to make men better while the world stands.

A certain class of men have always been extolling peace. Peace is indeed beautiful—the sweetest blessing God ever gave a nation. War is fearfully destructive. It builds nothing. All it can do is to clear the ground. Peace must do the building. Those who talk most about peace are not its warmest friends. They are often prompted by selfish motives. They want their ease or they do not want to be disturbed in their making money. The man who loves peace more than liberty is short sighted. To compromise with wrong is the surest way not to have peace. Grant said he fought because he wanted peace. He knew we could never have a lasting peace except by fighting first.

Fred Douglass said men's rights are never respected until they are written in blood. Democracy and liberty are always ready to usurp authority over the weak and fearful. Only the brave may be free and have lasting peace.

The brave man not only ennobles his own life but he plants the love of noble deeds in other men's hearts. Our own country will never lack for brave sons, while we continue to honor the men whose courage made America great.

It is especially fitting that we should remember our fallen brave, the men who shared the burden of trial and prison life, and met death at the post of duty—being stricken down by disease or the enemy's bullet. Victory has added new luster to our flag. It is now our flag in a sense it never was before. When the Lord will cover free and pure blackened with slavery, the same flag could never represent us both, but today we are one people, and one flag stands for all.

The war with Spain has greatly increased our prestige on the high seas. It has raised the respect of other nations. For our wisdom and skill and courage of our navy, we have forced other nations to show a higher regard for the rights and wishes of American citizens. All the high seas are now under our flag. But loyalty to the flag, that makes us free, and a memory of the dead heroes, will still be entwined in the hearts of every loyal American citizen.

There is room for reasonable doubt that this race, unless devitalized by alcohol, is destined to dispossess many weaker races. Assimilate others and mould the remainder until in every true and important sense, it is an Anglo-Saxonized mankind. Already, the English language, saturated with Christian ideas, gathering up into itself the best thought of all ages, is the great agent of Christian civilization throughout the world. At this moment affecting destinies and moulding the character of half the human race.

Jacob Grimm, the German philologist, said of this language, it seems chosen like its people, to rule in future times in still a greater degree in all corners of the earth. "He predicted, indeed, that the language of Shakespeare would eventually become the language of mankind."

"Till the war drum throb no longer,
And the battle flags are furled,
In the Parliament of mankind,
The Federation of the world,
We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time;
In an age or ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

The services closed with the hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Rev. D. McCormick pronounced the benediction.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Yesterday morning was favorable for the day's exercises, and a large number of people were present and participated in the parade. The number of vehicles in the line of march was equal to the number of last year, and the crowd at the cemetery grounds was larger than on any previous Memorial day.

Captain D. L. Sweeney was marshal and he was assisted by Jere Shaw and G. W. Barlow.

At the cemetery grounds the exercises were imposing. J. C. Baird, commander of Lewis Post, had charge of the exercises, and he was assisted by Chaplain H. L. Stiller and Frank Chapman, officer of the day.

A large number of people were at the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of deceased friends.

The stores and many dwelling houses in the city were handsomely decorated, some of the decorations being more handsome and more elaborate than on any preceding Memorial day. The flags and bunting were conspicuous upon every hand, and an air of patriotism pervaded the city.

At the Opera House.

At half past two the members of the G. A. R., W. N. C., and citizens assembled at the opera house. Post Commander Baird announced the program.

Beeson's orchestra opened the exercises. Rev. D. McCormick delivered the prayer.

The quartette, Mrs. Crumrine, Mrs. Milton, Mrs. Swinehart and Mrs. Villipigne sang, "To-day this hallowed place we seek."

The chorus by nine boys followed. The boys' names are as follows: Charles Summersby, Kenneth Summersby, Frank Grigrieh, Frank Baird, Spencer Baird, Harry Potter, Rex Reynolds, Philander Reynolds, Frank Locke.

Mrs. Hubbard sang a solo, "The gift to our country's cause."

Hypnotism by Beeson's orchestra. Miss Anna Hobbie recited the Army of the Drum.

J. W. Tout's Address.

Mr. J. W. Tout, of Bucklin, was the orator. With strong voice he uttered one of the best addresses ever delivered on Memorial day. He spoke with clearness and distinctly, and his talk was logical and patriotic. He said the celebration of Memorial day was a beautiful and ennobling custom—this commemoration of our Nation's cause in the struggle for freedom. To-day all over the land a grateful tribute is paid to the heroic dead. He spoke of the reverence to the memory of the fallen men in the civil war and in the later day's war.

The dangers of war—on the field of battle—are not to be compared to the hardships in prison life, in fighting disease and blood poisoning, said Col. Tout, in recounting army life.

The losses and valor of Napoleon's army compared to our own was insignificant. The losses in the Union army were ten times greater. The losses in the civil war were the greatest known in the history of the world.

With advancing civilization men grew greater, and the American army possessed greater valor.

War in a good cause is a great civilizer. War united the North and South.

Before the Civil war it was a union only in name. Now it is one in reality. The prosperity of the country had much to do in cementing the north and south, and we are a Nation. Within our borders there is no sign of decay, and no strife except that incident to all prosperous countries. Our country is respected everywhere. This is the only Republic the world ever knew.

Liberty makes heroes in every sense. We plot with pride to the past, and go on to make more glorious achievements. Our people are better clothed, better educated, and are better in everything than any people on the face of the earth.

For these liberties we are indebted to the defenders of that flag, pointing to the stary emblem. Those liberties will continue long after the Grand Army of the Republic is gone.

Mr. Tout spoke of the good purposes of the G. A. R. Besides its sociability and charitable deeds, it cultivates reverence for the flag.

He delivered in pathetic words the probable ending of the G. A. R., when he said in a few years the G. A. R. posts, owing to the decimation of their members, will surrender their charters, and

the few remaining tottering, feeble men will go silently to the graves and with bundles of flowers will decorate the graves of the fallen heroes. Let us hope that they will never be forgotten by coming generations, and that Decoration Day may be a National Holiday to millions unborn.

It had but one sentiment for soldiers of the country: Sympathy for the living and tears for the dead. The country's honor is also given to the soldiers of the Spanish war.

The speaker's sentiment that the way to have peace is to be well prepared for war, finds a response in the hearts of the people everywhere.

Mrs. Lydia Reynolds and Mrs. Thompson, with Mrs. Inez Potter at the piano, sang "A Thousand Years." The song America, was sung. Beeson's orchestra pronounced the benediction.

At Other Points.
Memorial day was observed at Bucklin, Spearville and Fort Dodge, and the exercises were imposing. The attendance at the several places in the county was large.

RAILROAD NEWS.

—Conductor James A. Corey is taking a vacation.

—Brakeman Hurd was off one trip last week.

—Brakeman Edwards is laying off for thirty days.

—Conductor Weber is now doing the extra running.

—Business is rather quiet on the western division at present.

—Conductor Joe Dillard is now in the chain gang.

—Roadmaster Marshall, of La Junta was in the city Friday.

—R. J. Parker, Supt. of the western division was in town Friday.

—Engineer Harry Simmons is now on the '815' on the fast passenger runs.

—Brakeman Henderson Baird has been sent to Pueblo to work out of that point.

—Engineer Walt Adams and family were visiting in Kinsley last week.

—Train 31 is being handled in good style on account of strawberry shipments.

—John Pearson was down from La Junta last week visiting his family.

—Thomas Traynor, brakeman is laying off for twenty days and has gone east.

—Engineer Jerry Shaw and wife returned from a trip in the eastern part of the state.

—Conductor Clem Crawford has been assigned to one of the local runs out of Coolidge.

—General Manager Mudge passed through Dodge on a special train on Friday morning.

—Sam Melton is now switching at La Junta and breaking extra out of that place.

—W. R. Scott, who used to be traveling engineer of this division has been made superintendent on the Texas line.

—Eugene Brown C. & S. conductor out of Pueblo has been visiting his family for several days.

—Colorado summer travel is beginning to commence and will probably be in excess of last year when it was enormous.

—John Notgrass, a passenger conductor out of Las Vegas and formerly a school teacher north of Dodge was in town for a short visit Saturday.

—H. J. Stanley, formerly trainmaster of this division and later conductor between La Junta and Pueblo, has been made trainmaster on the C. & S. at Denver.

—"Pop" Kelsey of the yard force has been making some extensive improvements on his place in the east part of town until he now has one of the nicest places on the hill.

—A train of 107 cars was started out of Newton a few days ago. This would make it about 3825 feet in length or as near as can be figured without too much time, about 5.7 of a mile.

—The last No. 3 for this season passed through Dodge Sunday evening, and the last No. 4 will run with the return of this equipment from California. It is likely that this change will be the cause of a new time card to be issued before very long.

—Harry Butler, formerly general foreman of the Santa Fe plant at La Junta, was here yesterday. Mr. Butler lost his official title by the consolidation of the two divisions, but is now on his way to La Junta to see what disposition the company will make of him.—Newton Republican.

—Chas. Willis has been sent to Dodge City to take charge of a section for the Santa Fe. Charley has been working for the Santa Fe at this place for the past five years and has lost but very little time. We don't know of any one that is more deserving of promotion than he.—Syracuse Sentinel.

—A. A. Snideman has resigned his place as agent for the Rock Island road, at this station. He goes to Topeka, where he will occupy the place of cashier in the general offices at that place. His place here is supplied by M. G. Nuckles, a well known Rock Island Agent. Mr. Snideman's leaving is sincerely regretted. He is highly esteemed by the Dodge City people.

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The Alumni Banquet.

The Alumni Association of the High School held their fourth annual meeting at Phoenix Hall, on Monday evening. The time was spent in social intercourse until ten o'clock when the guests seated themselves at the banquet prepared. The refreshments were simple, contrary to the usual custom of serving an extensive supper and the change seemed to meet with the approbation of all.

Mr. Leroy Martin, the president of the association, acted as toast master. He was a model toast master, adding much to the pleasure of the occasion by his bright remarks and witty turns.

Mr. W. Jackson in his toast "Hill tops of History" took the schools through their various stages of advancement, speaking of the school as a kingdom and the teachers as the monarchs.

The next speaker, Mr. Pearl Tribblecock, treated his subject "Shams" in a very entertaining manner.

Prof. C. A. Smith in responding to the toast "Our School and Others" spoke in highly complimentary terms of our city schools.

The subject "Knights Ancient and Modern" was well handled by Mr. Claudius Bush.

The toast "Absent Members," by Miss Bertha Rath, voiced the sentiments of fraternity and friendship which characterize the Alumni Association.

"Brevity" was well exemplified by Miss Ermine Young in her pleasing remarks on that subject.

The greetings to the class of 1900, were then extended by Miss Nellie Chapman with words of kindly welcome, to which Willie Miller, the president of the incoming class, responded in his usual happy vein.

The meeting then went to the business of electing officers. Robert Rath was elected President, Charles Imel, Vice President; Alice Stubbs, Secretary, Abbie Dodge, Treasurer.

The secretary read some letters from absent members. Then the roll was called and those absent were accounted for by some of their class. Some further business transacted and the meeting was adjourned.

Miss Grace Whitworth, who is in New York, sends her greeting to the Alumni, and regrets that she is unable to be present at the banquet.

Letters of regret were received from Miss Edith Ellis, Kansas City; Jessie Henderson, Oklahoma; Prof. Ellis, Chicago; J. L. Findlay, Augusta, Kas.; Mrs. Cherington Ross, Pueblo.

There will be service at St. Cornelius church Sunday—Whitsunday—morning and evening. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Subject of sermon in the evening, "A Comparison." All are invited.

A SENSATIONAL MILE RACE.

The Dodge City Mare Wins.

Stubbs Bros', three year-old Billy, Miss Mae Day, again distinguished herself on the St. Louis race track, Saturday, in winning a purse of \$1,500 in a mile race. Miss Mae Day has won several fine races, but the one of Saturday places her ahead of all horses in the west. The St. Louis Republic of Sunday, gives the following account of the race.

Miss Mae Day, the speediest 3-year-old filly on the Western circuit, distinguished herself at the Fair Grounds yesterday by capturing the Mississippi Valley Stakes from Loving Cup, Laureate, Tulla Fonso and Ida Ledford. Miss Mae Day was pounds the best horse in the race. She led all the way and won as she pleased by six lengths, in the phenomenally fast time of 1:40 flat. It was the fastest mile run at the track since 1896, when Assignee had to run a mile in 1:40 flat to beat Buck Massie in the inaugural. Assignee carried 104 pounds when he ran his fast mile, while Miss Mae Day only had eighty nine pounds on her back yesterday; but the difference in their ages makes Miss Mae Day's performance fully as good if not better than Assignee's, the latter being a 5-year-old at the time.

Miss Mae Day is a brown filly by Imp. Hermance—Aala Lala, and is owned by Stubbs Bros. She was made a 6 to 5 favorite for the stake and the general public backed her like it was all over. Loving Cup and Laureate and Tulla Fonso, with Charlie Thorpe in the saddle, also were supported more or less. Loving Cup was thought to be fast enough to make things interesting for Miss Mae Day at some stage of the route, but she never got within four lengths of the latter after the start. Laureate was out-run during the first part of it, but he closed some ground in the stretch and managed to finish in the money. Tulla Fonso and Ida Ledford both tired badly at the end and trailed in behind the first three at the finish.

Miss Ella E. Barber, a classical graduate of Campbell University, will be the assistant teacher at the summer school at South College. Classes will be offered in all the common branches, High School, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Latin, German, Shorthand, Typewriting, Instrumental Music. Any one wishing to pursue any of the studies, or any other school work are invited to call on R. A. LeMaster at the college or by correspondence.

Science has found that rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. This poison should be excreted by the kidneys. No rheumatism with healthy kidneys. Foley's Kidney Cure always makes them well. W. S. Amos.